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Sir

In reply to the Office Action issued on July 17, 2006, the time for response having been extended for three (3) months to January 17, 2007, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.